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IN RE INTEL CORPORATION MICROPROCESSOR A LITIGATION))) MDL No. 05-1717-JJF))
PHIL PAUL, on behalf of himself and all others similarly situated, Plaintiffs,)))) C.A. No. 05-485-JJF) CONSOLIDATED ACTION
v.)
INTEL CORPORATION	١,)
	Defendant.)))

INTEL'S OPPOSITION TO JONATHAN LEE RICHES' MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION & CLARIFICATION, MOTION TO INTERVENE AS PLAINTIFF UNDER FED. R. CIV. P. 24(A)(2), 24(B), AND MOTION TO AMEND COMPLAINT

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Intel Corporation ("Intel") hereby opposes Jonathan Lee Riches' Motion for Reconsideration & Clarification, Motion to Intervene as Plaintiff Under Fed. R. Civ P. 24(a)(2), and 24(b), and Motion to Amend Complaint (D.I. 1094).

I. INTRODUCTION AND STATEMENT OF FACTS

As this Court is well aware, Jonathan Lee Riches is an inmate at Williamsburg Federal Correctional Institution in Salters, South Carolina. See Riches v. Meader, Civ. A. No. 08-345-JJF (D. Del. July 9, 2008) (Farnan, J.); Riches v. Seda, Civ. A. No. 08-346-JJF (D. Del. July 1, 2008) (Farnan, J.) Riches is a notorious serial filer who has filed more than 2,000 actions in various federal district and appellate courts across the country. See U.S. Party-Case Index, http://pacer.psc.uscourts.gov (showing 2,582 cases filed as of August 15, 2008). Many of those cases have been summarily dismissed as frivolous or failure to state a claim; many others have been dismissed for failure to pay the filing fee. 1 Riches has clogged up the federal dockets with so many patently frivolous suits that some courts have deemed him a "vexatious and abusive litigant" and have enjoined him from filing any new lawsuit without first obtaining leave of court. See, e.g., Riches v. Garese, No. 0:09-CV-086-HRW, 2008 U.S. Dist, LEXIS 47387 (E.D. Ky. June 18, 2008); In re Jonathan Lee Riches, No. 1:08-cv-0498-WBH, 2008 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 50922 (N.D. Ga. Mar. 27, 2008) (dismissing 276 of Riches's pending cases); Riches v. Aguilera, No. 07-14469-BC, 2008 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 8605 (E.D. Mich. Feb. 5, 2008).

In the face of these injunctions and the filing fee, it appears that Riches has devised a new modus operandi, which he implements here – the "Motion for Reconsideration & Clarification, Motion to Intervene as Plaintiff under Fed. R. Civ. P. 24(a)(2), 24(b), Motion to Amend

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Complaint."² Here, Riches asserts that he is a "convicted computer hacker" and that "Intel chips are easy [sic] hackable, and management fails to reveal this at the shareholders meeting." (D.I. 1094 at 1.) Riches claims that he has "more information for this courts or lawyers dealing with the fundamentals of spyware, trojan horses, or Electronic eavesdropping." (Id.) As set forth below, his Motions should be denied in their entirety.

II. **ARGUMENT**

LEXIS 50789 (D. Utah July 2, 2008).

A. Riches' Motion To Intervene Fails To Satisfy Rule 24.

Under Rule 24(a)(2), the Court must permit a filer to intervene who "claims an interest relating to the property or transaction that is the subject of the action, and is so situated that disposing of the action may as a practical matter impair or impede the movant's ability to protect its interest, unless existing parties adequately represent that interest." Fed. R. Civ. P. 24(a)(2). To satisfy this standard, the movant must establish "a significantly protectable" interest in the underlying action. Mountain Top Condominium Assoc. v. Dave Stabbert Master Builder, Inc., 72 F.3d 361, 366 (3d Cir. 1995). This means that the interest "must be a legal interest as distinguished from interests of a general and indefinite character." Id. In addition, the movant must demonstrate "a tangible threat to a legally cognizable interest" that will be impaired or affected by the disposition of the underlying action. Id.

Under Rule 24(b), the Court may allow intervention if the filer "(A) is given a conditional right to intervene by a federal statute; or (B) has a claim or defense that shares with the main

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action a common question of law or fact." Fed. R. Civ. P. 24(b)(1). Any motion for intervention, whether as of right or permissive, must "state the grounds for intervention and be accompanied by a pleading that sets out the claim or defense for which intervention is sought." Fed. R. Civ. P. 24(c).

Riches' Motion to Intervene fails to satisfy any prong of Rule 24. First, the Motion is not accompanied by a pleading setting forth the claims or defenses for which Riches seeks intervention. For this reason alone, Riches' Motion must be denied. Second, the allegations that are contained in the Motion do not demonstrate that Riches has any legally cognizable interest, let alone a "significantly protectable" one, in the subject matter of the action, nor that the disposition of this action will impede his ability to protect such interest. See Fed. R. Civ. P. 24(a)(2). Third, the Motion neither identifies a statute that gives Riches a conditional right to intervene, nor articulates any claims or defenses that are tied to this action by a common question of law or fact. See Fed. R. Civ. P. 24(b)(1). Rather, Riches simply states that he has "new information about Intel" – apparently, information about hacking Intel chips and about "the fundamentals of spyware, trojan horses, or Electronic eavesdropping." These allegations have nothing to do with the claims, facts, or law at issue in AMD's private antitrust case, or in the class action. In any event, in deciding whether permission should be granted under Rule 24(b), "the court must consider whether the intervention will unduly delay or prejudice the adjudication of the original parties' rights." Fed. R. Civ. P. 24(b)(3). Allowing Riches to intervene in this action will not strengthen the adequacy of representation in the case and will certainly lead to undue delay. His Motion to Intervene should be denied.

B. Riches' Motion For Reconsideration & Clarification, and Motion To Amend Complaint, Are Meritless.

As to the Motion for Reconsideration & Clarification, Riches has failed to identify any previous orders to be reconsidered or clarified. The Motion is without merit and has no basis in the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. It should be denied.

Riches' Motion to Amend Complaint is equally meritless and fails to cite, much less satisfy, the requirements of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 15. Riches' proposal "to amend the complaint" appears to be an offer of evidence rather than a request to add new claims. In any event, as a non-party who has not filed a pleading in this action, this form of relief would become available to Riches, if at all, only upon his joining the case as an intervening plaintiff. And as discussed above, Riches' attempt at intervention, whether as of right or permissive, is devoid of legal basis.

III. CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing, Intel respectfully requests that the Court deny Jonathan Lee Riches' Motions in their entirety.

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